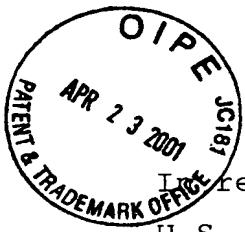


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The following documents are cited in the specification of the above-identified application:

- (1) Gerbe et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,453,877, issued September 26, 1995;
- (2) Takahashi, U.S. Patent No. 5,699,194, issued December 16, 1997;
- (3) Togino, U.S. Patent No. 5,790,311, issued August 4, 1998;
- (4) Takahashi et al, U.S. Patent No. 6,008,778, issued December 28, 1999;
- (5) Yamazaki, U.S. Patent No. 6,094,241, issued July 25, 2000;
- (6) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 5-346508 published December 27, 1993 (with partial English translation attached);
- (7) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 7-333551 published December 22, 1995 (with partial English translation attached);
- (8) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 9-185009 published July 15, 1997 (with partial English translation attached);

- (9) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 9-197336 published July 31, 1997 (with partial English translation attached);
- (10) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 10-307263 published November 17, 1998 (with English translation attached); and
- (11) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 10-319343 published December 4, 1998 (with partial English translation attached).

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